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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.97(b),**  
**AND EXPLANATION OF THE RELEVANCE OF THE CITED PRIOR ART**

Sir:

The undersigned hereby requests that the prior art cited on the attached prior art statement be placed of record in the application file and be considered by the examiner.

This citation of prior art is made under 37 CFR 1.97(b), since it is being filed before the mailing date of the First Office Action.

The relevance of the prior art cited on the attached form PTO/SB/08a is as follows:

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This invention shows a fuel delivery system that includes a fuel pump having an inlet for drawing fuel from a fuel supply and an outlet connected to a fuel filter so that fuel delivered to the engine by the pump flows through the filter. A check valve is positioned between the filter outlet and the fuel line to the engine so as to prevent reverse flow of fuel from the engine to the supply when the pump is shut down. A pressure reference inlet connected to the outlet side of the fuel filter on the downstream side of the check valve. The

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outlet of the pressure regulator is connected to return fuel to the fuel supply bypassing the filter as a function of fuel pressure at the filter so as to maintain substantially constant fuel pressure delivery to the engine. The reference input to the pressure regulator is connected to the engine fuel line. Any fuel pressure increase at the engine and in the fuel line due to heat or the like automatically opens the regulator so as to vent the pump outlet to the supply.

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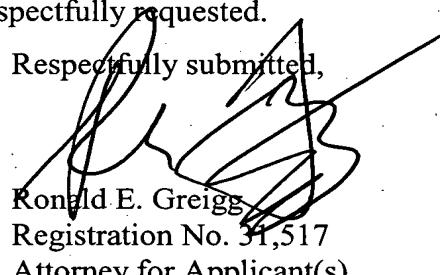
This invention shows a combination fuel pressure regulator and fuel filter apparatus (17) for vehicle fuel systems has a fuel supply tank (11) with a fuel pump (13) therein for pumping fuel to a fuel supply rail (20) having fuel injectors (21) attached thereto. A fuel filter (25) is operably disposed between an inlet supply tube (16) and a fluid outlet tube (18) for filtering impurities from fuel passing there through. A valve (30,53,50) in fluid communication with the inlet supply tube (16) is provided with a regulator for causing flow to be short circuited back into the fuel supply tank (11) when the pressure in the fluid outlet (18) exceeds a predetermined level. The valve (30,53,50) is biased to a closed position and will remain closed as long as the pressure on the clean side of the filter (25) is below the predetermined pressure whereby all of the fuel in the inlet supply tube (16) will pass through the filter (25).

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Examination of this application is respectfully requested.

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